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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the November 25, 2005 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due February 25, 2006. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$510.00), and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the November 25, 2005 Final Office Action is due May 25, 2006. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee for a three-month extension, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

certify that hereby correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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